

# ADVANCE

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A.A. Liberal Arts/  
B.A. Religious Studies Pathway  
**2021-2022**

## A.A. Liberal Arts

### ADVANCE Program Milestones

**ADVANCE Milestone Requirements:** All ADVANCE students must adhere to the following requirements. For Milestones #1-#3, failure to meet these milestones will prevent a student from matriculating to Mason and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#6, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to Mason.

1. Students must complete their NOVA degree within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students are highly encouraged to be continuously enrolled at NOVA/Mason to support progress towards degree completion.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the fall semester must apply for NOVA graduation by March 1 for spring graduation or June 1 for summer graduation. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA graduation by October 1 for winter graduation.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework in no later than the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
5. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MDE or EDE courses (excluding summer).
6. In the first 30 credits, students must:
  - a. Complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
  - b. Complete the first college-level MTH course with a C or better.

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV Course	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills <b>OR</b> SDV 101 Orientation to XXX	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
4	World Language #1	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
5	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
7	World Language #2	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
8	MTH 245 or Transfer Elective	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation <b>OR</b> ART 101 History and Appreciation of Art I <b>OR</b> ART 102 History and Appreciation of Art II <b>OR</b> CST 130 Introduction to Theatre <b>OR</b> CST 151 Film Appreciation I <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music Appreciation I	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
9	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	Nat Science
10	ENG Literature Elective	3	ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story <b>OR</b> ENG 241 Survey of American Literature I <b>OR</b> ENG 242 Survey of American Literature II <b>OR</b> ENG 251 Survey of World Literature I <b>OR</b> ENG 252 Survey of World Literature II <b>OR</b> ENG 253 Survey of African-American Literature I	ENGH 202	Literature
11	World Language #3	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective

12	HIS Course #1	3	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II <b>OR</b> HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Western Civ
13	Science Course #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> BIO 102 General Biology II <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> ENV 122 General Environmental Science II <b>OR</b> GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I <b>OR</b> PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	BIOL 103/105 BIOL 102 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 EVPP 112/113 GGS 102 GEOL 101 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103 PHYS 104	Nat Science
14	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b> ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography <b>OR</b> HIS 121 United States History I <b>OR</b> HIS 122 United States History II <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 230 Developmental Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Principles of Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
15	World Language #4	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
16	Open Elective #1	3	REL 231 Religions of the World I	RELI 212	Major & CHSS Phil/Reli
17	Open Elective #2 ( <i>This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach</i> )	3	ITE 115 Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts <b>OR</b> ITE 119 Information Literacy	IT 103 IT 104	Info Tech
18	HIS Course #2	3	HIS 203 History of African Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 231 History of Latin American Civilizations I <b>OR</b> HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 253 History of Asian Civilizations I	HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 281 HIST 251	Global
19	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	REL 232 Religions of the World II	RELI 211	Major & CHSS Non- Western
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2 ( <i>Must select discipline different from Soc/Behav above</i> )	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> GEO 220 World Regional Geography <b>OR</b> PLS 135 American National Politics <b>OR</b> PLS 241 International Relations I <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Principles of Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	ECON 103 GGS 101 GOVT 103 GOVT 132 PSYC 100 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	CHSS Soc/Behav
21	HUM 298	1	HUM 298 Seminar and Project - Liberal Arts	N/A	AA Degree Requirement
<b>A. A. LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE</b>		<b>60-62</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>					
For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - <a href="http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html">http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html</a>					
<b>B.A. Religious Studies</b>					
	<b>MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course</b>		<b>MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT</b>
22	Gen Ed: Information Technology or General Electives	3	Approved Information Technology Course <sup>1</sup> <b>OR</b> General Elective ( <i>if Info Tech completed at NOVA</i> )		Info Tech or General Elective

23	Comparative or Methodological Aspects of the Study of Religion	3	ANTH 313 Myth, Magic, and Mind <b>OR</b> RELI 337 Mysticism: East and West <b>OR</b> RELI 341 Global Perspectives on Spirituality and Healing <b>OR</b> RELI 376 Special Topics in Religious Thought <b>OR</b> RELI 490 Comparative Study of Religions <b>OR</b> SOCl 385 Religion and Society	Major
24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
25	Core Courses in the Major	3	300 or 400 level Religious Studies course	Major
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27	Electives in the Major	3	Course selected in consultation with advisor <sup>2</sup>	Major
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30	Electives in the Major	3	Course selected in consultation with advisor <sup>2</sup>	Major
31	Comparative or Methodological Aspects of the Study of Religion	3	ANTH 313 Myth, Magic, and Mind <b>OR</b> RELI 337 Mysticism: East and West <b>OR</b> RELI 341 Global Perspectives on Spirituality and Healing <b>OR</b> RELI 376 Special Topics in Religious Thought <b>OR</b> RELI 490 Comparative Study of Religions <b>OR</b> SOCl 385 Religion and Society	Major
32	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
33	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
34	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
37	Core Courses in the Major	3	RELI 420 Seminar	Writing Intensive
38	Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	Approved Synthesis course (RELI 490 recommended) <sup>1</sup>	Synthesis
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
41	General Electives	1-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
<b>B.A. RELIGIOUS STUDIES</b>		<b>120</b>		
<b>DEGREE TOTAL</b>				

**Important Academic Information:**

<sup>1</sup>For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

<sup>2</sup>Choose from courses in religious studies, related disciplines (including anthropology, art history, and history), or a scriptural language (such as Arabic, Biblical Hebrew, Chinese, Classical Greek, Latin, or Sanskrit). Up to 6 credits of a scriptural language may be used to fulfill this requirement and the requirement of 12 credits in religious studies at 300 and 400 level.

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**

- Students in this major complete at least 33 credits within the major, earning a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. No course applied to the major in religious studies may be used to fulfill more than one requirement.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeatd D/F grades may be eligible to receive a waiver for any lower-level Mason Core courses not already completed. To be eligible for the core waiver, students must also complete the requirements of the AA or AS degree listed on their pathway, and apply to graduate from NOVA by the deadline (see milestone #3). Students must meet these criteria by the time of matriculation to Mason and provide the Office of Admissions a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date.
- For academic policies and procedures, please see Mason catalog - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/>
- Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.